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BUILDING EUROPEAN HOUSE AT GONDOKORO.

NOTES ON THE MADI NEGROES

(EQUATORIAL NILE)

THE three accompanying photographs and the following notes are contributed by Mr. F. Spire, an official in the service of the Uganda Administration at present in charge of Gondokoro, in the Nile Province of that Protectorate.

The first photograph represents a house which is being built for one of the European officers at Gondokoro. This house is made of burnt brick, with grass roof, and is raised on arches three feet from the ground. It contains one mosquito-proof room, also a large mosquito-proof "cage" on one of the verandahs. This photograph is further interesting as it gives a good example of the branching *Hyphaene* palm, that is to say, one of the ordinary single-stemmed *Hyphaenes* which occasionally become what botanists call "dichotomous."

The second photograph shows Madi Negroes gardening—tilling the ground with hoes, to which are attached very long bamboo handles. This branch of the wide-spread Madi race, like many other Negro tribes in the basin of the Equatorial Nile, affects nudity. These particular Madi belong to the Luluba tribe from the Lokoya Hills.

In the third photograph we see some of the Luluba dwellings—little huts surrounded by a circular fence of reeds.